

RESOLUTION 385

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION OF
TRADE, AGRIBUSINESS AND FOOD SAFETY**

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at its Twenty-third Regular Meeting,

HAVING SEEN:

Document IICA/CE/Doc.426(03), "Progress report on the implementation of the Inter-American Program for the Promotion of Trade, Agribusiness and Food Safety,"

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Program for the Promotion of Trade, Agribusiness and Food Safety includes a number of cooperation actions aimed at increasing agricultural trade among the countries of the region;

That the Member States have assigned a high priority to efforts to strengthen their mechanisms and capabilities for trade negotiations, their access to relevant information for facilitating trade transactions and their interest in participating increasingly in the processes of integration and market opening, under conditions that benefit the community of agriculture and rural life in their countries;

That the Program takes on special importance in light of the mandates of the Third Summit of the Americas as they relate to agriculture and rural life, the Plan of Action for the implementation of the Declaration of Bavaro, and the efforts of the governments to establish free trade areas in the Americas;

That the Director General has presented the document Progress Report on the Implementation of the Inter-American Program for the Promotion of Trade, Agribusiness and Food Safety (IICA/CE/Doc.426(03)), which describes the actions carried out and results obtained to date,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the work being done by the General Directorate to implement the Inter-American Program for the Promotion of Trade, Agribusiness and Food

Safety, as well as its efforts to obtain additional resources to complement its funding.

2. To urge the Member States to make extra-quota contributions to facilitate implementation and expand the coverage of this Program.